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In re Application of:

Theresa M. Deggendorf

Application No.: 10/697,774

Filed: October 30, 2003

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING AND REPORTING AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE

TRANSACTION STATUS

DECISION ON

PETITION TO

MAKE SPECIAL

(Pre-First Action

Interview)

This is a decision on applicant's petition filed May 21, 2004, to have this application made Special under MPEP 708.02, Accelerated Examination and the request for a Pre-First Office Action interview.

The petition and request meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.102 and the Pilot Program announced March 31, 2004, and consequently, they are both granted.

This application is being forwarded to the examiner assigned to the case, who will call applicant within sixty days of the mailing of this decision to arrange for an interview which may be in person or by telephone. If you have not heard from the examiner within that time period, please contact the undersigned at 703 308-1020.

The examiner will prepare and have a First Office Action ready for mailing within thirty days of the date of the Interview.

John J. Love, Director Technology Center 3600

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